



Franklin Special School District

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TO: Erin O'Hara, Assistant Commissioner for Data & Research
FROM: David L. Snowden, Ph.D.
DATE: July 19, 2013
RE: Accountability Appeals

Franklin Special School District understands that because we did not exceed the 3 percent MAAS and Portfolio cap in 2011-12, we should have been allowed to use district discretion in assigning students to MAAS in 2012-13 and that all MAAS scores will be changed to the original proficiency level and our data will be recalculated. We appreciate the department's efforts to correctly represent the achievement of our students with disabilities.

Additionally, we request the following corrections. We realize that this request is not included in the list of items that may be appealed through this process. However, we are hopeful that the department will consider these changes as our district is very close (less than .5% in Math and less than 1% in RLA) to meeting our subgroup improvement goal for the white subgroup. The current proficiency level in FSSD for the white subgroup is 80.5% (80.8 after the MAAS changes) in Math and 78.1 (78.3 after the MAAS changes) in RLA. Please note that both of these proficiency levels are 20+% above the state proficiency levels and very close to our 2012 proficiency levels (Math: 78.7% and RLA: 81.5%).

File Name	state_student_id	last_name	first_name	middle_initial	grade	Requested change
941.StudentLevel	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	J	3	Change race from White to Black as recorded in EIS
941.StudentLevel	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	A	5	Change race from White to Hispanic (see attached doc)
941.StudentLevel	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	S	7	Change race from Hispanic to White (see attached doc)

Thank you for your consideration of these changes as we all work to improve education for all of our students in Tennessee. We look forward to receiving the revised data.

Sincerely,

David L. Snowden/dr

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